

REMARKS

This Response to Office Action is in response to the action mailed September 28, 2004, for the above captioned patent application. Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Claims 1-9 have been allowed, claim 10 has been rejected and claims 11-17 have been objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

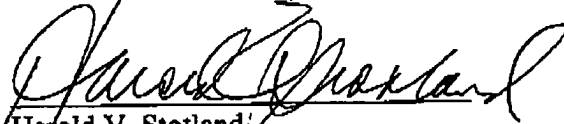
The applicant has herein canceled claim 10 and has amended claim 11 into independent form, including all of the limitations of base claim 10. Claim 14 has herein been amended to modify its dependency from claim 10 to now independent claim 11. Claims 12-17 depend on now allowable independent claim 11. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully asserts that the examiner's rejection and objection have herein been overcome.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, and in summary, the applicant respectfully asserts that the claims, as herein presented, are patentable. Therefore, immediate allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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